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Editorial.

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NOTES AND COMMENTS.

Texas Baptists talk of a monument to Wm. Cary Crane.—TEXAS BAPTIST.

Bro. E. H. Flynn sends us \$3 for State Missions. We have turned it over to Sec'y Ball.

Eld. W. M. Farmer writes A. G. 22d, that he is in the midst of a fine meeting at Spring Hill church, Yalobusha-Oxford Association.

Preparations to move to Fort Smith, Ark.—J. B. Wagon, Baptist. Where did it happen and when?

I hope and believe that the addition of Brother Penick to your editorial corps will materially help the paper in this State.—F. COURTNEY, La.

The Edwards church, through the treasurer, Bro. Montgomery, has sent in, all, \$22.50 to the College and State Missions. It has been duly applied.

We cannot refrain from making mention of the great improvement observable in the Arkansas Evangelist. It is every way worthy of the support of Arkansas Baptists.

Eld. J. D. Anderson reports to the Reflector a gracious meeting at Germantown, Tenn. Rev. W. T. Lowry, of Blue Mountain, Miss., aided in the meeting.

"I looked to Jesus, he looked on me, and we were one forever."—SPRING CROOKS. Was there ever more precious truth condensed in the same number of words.

The Florida Baptist Witness says that it is probable that Elder S. M. Providence, on account of unresolvable financial difficulties will retire from the Witness.

Dr. and Sister Landrum have been having a recuperating time in the uplands of North Carolina. We expect them to return to their work in New Orleans much strengthened.

Judson, who was sent out to inspect the Congo Mission of the Missionary Union, of Boston, has abandoned the project. He says that it would require a year to discharge the mission.

The Association meetings are fairly under headway in Tennessee, and from the Baptist Reflector we note that they are responding nobly to the appeals of Secretary Gates. "The morning light is breaking."

The churches are certainly the bodies appointed to evangelize the world, and in my judgment, cease to be Christian churches in proportion as they decline to do mission work.—SPRING CROOKS.

We notice that Bro. J. W. Lee who graduated at Mississippi College last session, is to teach in Blue Mountain Male Academy next session. Our North Mississippi brethren will find him right.

We are all well, and the church is moving on nicely. We are receiving members at nearly every service, and will trouble the baptismal waters next Sunday night. J. A. HACKNEY, San Antonio, Texas.

Eld. S. P. Childs, of Troy, O., the famous catfish man, who has cured so many of that fearful disease, wishes to spend the coming winter South, preaching or treating the afflicted. We suggest New Orleans and the Gulf Coast.

If Mississippi and Louisiana expect to keep pace with the demand for trained preachers, they must double their efforts in this line of work. Can we not have in our schools the coming season, one hundred preachers?

The Lord has graciously poured out his blessings upon us as a church, by an addition to our members, and building up and strengthening of the saints in the faith. Rejoice with us.—L. S. OWENS, Sallito.

The editor of True Baptist expects to build a church house in Jackson, Tenn., from the profits of the paper. Nothing is more likely to deceive the elect than the profits on a small paper. Nevertheless, we do not wish to discourage a brother.

"Who?" says Emerson, "Who will give us back our oderous Sabbath?" He who will bring again the Sabbath of rest and worship in all its purity and sweetness, bright with the smile of heaven, and fragrant with the odor of sanctity, will be a benefactor indeed.—ZION'S ADVOCATE, Portland, Maine.

That serene and Christly man, Dr. Furman, associate editor of the Baptist Courier, has been sick, but better, thanks to a gracious God. Coming back to his place in the Courier, he surprises us with a vein of keen wit, delicately tinged with sarcasm. Verily, we did not know it was in the good man. Well, we like him more for it; for he is more a perfect man.

The damps and the fogs are all ways down in the low lands. If we would be in a purer atmosphere, we must live on the uplands. It is just so with our souls. We are troubled because we live on the low plains of life. The uplands of God are sunny and peaceful. Let us mount up higher.

Austria refused to receive Mr. Keiser, minister from the United States, because his wife is a Jewess. We hope our government will suspend all diplomatic relations with that country till an apology is made for the contempt put on us, and for such a cause as that named.

"I think that a minister ought to preach whatever he conscientiously believes to be the truth, and let other people alone." That is a very common way of putting it, but is not true. Neither Christ nor his apostles went on the plan of letting error alone. There are times when an offensive heresy must be attacked and destroyed.

The Baptist Gleaner is greatly pestered with the Campbellites. Thanks to a merciful Providence there is not much of that heresy on our field. If there were, we should feel called on to do our best to get rid of it. We should not forget that letting it be is often the hardest treatment anyone can give that fussy sect.

A good sister writes us something good, but says: "If it seems too good to you, not calculated to do good, your prerogative is to throw it into the waste basket, and I shall not mind it, for I sing, 'O, to be nothing, and none of self and all of thee.' This world would not be as hard as it is, especially on editors."

Some time ago this editor was informed that there was a plan on foot to get him to visit Texas, and now here is an invitation from the dearest friends we ever had to go and stay a week with him after visiting the Texas Convention. We have stood it out so far, but it looks like we will have to surrender some time.

A brother in opposing the College, publicly said: "They are sending out eight hundred preachers a year, and there is no place for them. If this thing keeps on fifty years, we will all be landed back in heathendom." That is hard to beat in its way. There were 37 ministerial students last year in the College, most of whom will be back this year. It is painful that good men will talk in such a way.

From one sentiment in Brother Pendleton's review of "Sam Jones," we must dissent. It does not appear to us that the work of an evangelist necessarily disparages the ordinary means of grace. Properly, evangelism is nothing but the more abundant use of the same means of grace. That there is such a thing as "means," and that they are to be used, is a fact against which no man can argue.

Boy evangelism is the order of the day with the liquor men in West Point. They have some time ago bought of the Leader. That's all right, we can stand it. The fact is, we're thriving on it. Put it in a little stronger, boys. It's doing us good. We are getting subscribers from all sections of the country. Also we have never had before.—L. A. COCKEY, LEADER. Meanwhile prohibitionists ought to make it comfortable for such "law and order" papers as the Leader.

Rev. Geo. Wharton has sold his interest in the BAPTIST RECORD to Rev. J. B. Gambrell, and returns to a professorship in the Mississippi College. Bro. W. has displayed considerable ability during his editorial connection with the Record, and we shall miss him from the press. Glad, however, to note that he returns to a position in which he can be largely useful to the denomination.—WESTERN RECORDER.

On first page this week we print Brother Pendleton's estimate of the now celebrated "Sam Jones." That it is near the truth, we have no doubt. From what we have seen and heard from Jones, we had come to about the same conclusion. He is a great moral force, and we say, let him range wide on his mission. That his revivals are spiritual to anything like the extent to which they are moral we are not prepared to believe. We would rather endorse him as a moral lecturer than a gospel preacher.

Eld. B. B. Milam, writes that he had a successful meeting at Sallito. He was the first preacher who ever preached in the place, and the following little children volunteered a contribution. Miss Laura Rankins, 5c; A. D. Rankins, 5c; Miss Clara Rankins, 5c; and Master Charlie Muse, 10c. These little ones have adopted the right principle. We will try, Brother Milam, to comply with your request, but if Bro. Ball cannot be with you, look after these interests. You are appointed.

A pastor who loves money so well that he dislikes to see his church give to send the gospel to the destitute and to provide for the orphan and the poor is unprepared to preach the gospel of Christ. The spirit of the religion of Jesus Christ is self-sacrifice—go, give; and any other gospel, no matter by whom preached, is "another gospel" than that given by Christ, and preached by Paul.—BAPTIST RECORD. That is a word fully spoken, and further; the man who is afraid if the people give to missions they will not give to him, will get very little money. He who would save his life shall lose it, said our Lord.

W. B. Crompton in the Alabama Baptist, says: "No doubt the Seminary will greatly help many men, maybe all who attend, but that Seminary training is essential to success in the ministry, and that every young preacher ought to have it, I do not believe." The professors in the Seminary would say the same thing. They do not advise every preacher to take the course preachers must look to their providential surroundings, and do the best they can with or without special training.

We clip from the Baptist Courier, the following from an old pastor to a young one. It will do well to think over. "Unless you are very careful you will offend, or die early. I see it in you, and I warn you to beware. The memoirs make it out to be a very pious and sacred thing for a zealous young preacher to die early. Well, you may believe the memoirs if you want to, but I prefer to believe God. He says, 'Be temperate in all things.' He says, 'Turn aside and rest awhile.' He says, 'Resist the devil.' There is no being in all the universe who wants preachers to offend or die soon but the devil. God doesn't want it, Christ doesn't want it, the Holy Spirit doesn't want it, the church doesn't, but the devil does, 'resist the devil!'"

It is spoken of as a gratifying sign of the "era of good feeling" already in full dawn as between North and South in this country, that the appointment by the President of the appointees at Gen. Grant's funeral representing both sections, on request of Mrs. Grant, met with such almost unanimous approval. This fact is no less an indication of the impression Gen. Grant has left behind him, as a just man, interested for the welfare of the whole country; qualities illustrated in his career even as a Union soldier, and not less as a Union president.—THE STANDARD, Chicago. We put that over against the Journal and Messenger's stirring of the cankers, and take occasion to say that the Standard is the peer of any paper we see—great paper, full of the sweetness of the gospel.

Perhaps the one great reason why we have no more young men preparing for the ministry is that to become a Baptist preacher is to work hard for poor pay, to live a forlorn bachelor, or subject a woman to some inconvenience.—CENTRAL BAPTIST. As a rule, the young man who feels that he ought to devote himself to the ministry, is overwhelmed with a sense of his unfitness, and of the impossibility of his procuring what he feels that he needs. No, no; the young man who is kept back because of a desire for more money than the ministry promises is not the man of whom the Lord hath need.—JOURNAL and Messenger is right. The reason that there are no more young men entering the ministry, is because the churches have so nearly ceased to pray for them. Pray for the Lord of the harvest that he will send forth more laborers into the vineyard. When the Lord lays it on a young man to preach the gospel, he will do it, though he be poor and have the prospect of remaining so.

This great nation has been very much wearied and no little disgusted with one Newman, who for these many years past has crouched at the feet of Gen. Grant, and who must needs figure on every occasion where he could possibly get in an appearance along with the General. He was the man who sprinkled Gen. Grant, when he had fainted, and was supposed to be dying. On every occasion he was profuse in his praises of the military hero, but not one honest, manly word of warning or teaching has gone on record. How a man who had commanded armies, could bear such an ecclesiastical time-server, it is hard to understand. And how any Methodist paper could endorse a sprinkling administered to an unconscious man, as Christian baptism is past our conception. We regard Dr. Newman and his performances with profound disgust. The old Methodist preacher who rang it out in a great audience in the face of Gen. Jackson, that if the Gen. did not repent God would damn him as quick as he would a "guinea nigger" was worth an innumerable herd of Dr. Newman's. Let Newman retire, and relieve the public.

REVIVAL.

Revivals and "revivalists" are the order of the day. God forbid that we should deprecate either, only we do object to the term "revivalist." No man, in a true sense, is that. Only God can revive his work. Preachers are only instruments.

We have some thoughts on revivals and revival methods, which have been maturing in our mind for years. Discussing them with a brother preacher recently, he urged us to print them in the Record. After due consideration we have concluded to do so, bearing in mind the necessity for great caution in writing on such a question, especially in somewhat a criticizing style.

Our first remark is that self-appointed, professional revivalists are all to be received with caution and watched with care. Never should a pastor abandon his meeting to the control of one of them. God has set pastors in churches and they are not to be upset to make way for extraordinary men.

and methods. We are profoundly convicted on this point. Next, we do not believe in revivalists, whose theology is broader than the New Testament, and who make little of God's law. Men who reckon the Church of God as a trifle, and disparage the plain commands of Christ may make much noise and have a great following, but we profoundly mistrust them and their work. David prayed much for grace, and always supposed divine blessings would lead on to keeping the law of God.

It follows that we do not favor union meetings, during which there is to be a truce, as to doctrine. Can it be reasonably thought that God will give his people a blessing just in proportion to their unfaithfulness to his truth? Believe it, who can, let us can not.

To our mind much of the altar doctrine in the churches comes of this, needless kind of protracted meeting preaching. It comes by a strange process of reasoning, to be regarded in the light of a doctrine of salvation, a protracted meeting. When more appropriate to lay bare the foundations of hope? And it is not much done. When did any body hear a "revivalist" preach on human depravity, inability, doctrines of grace etc? These are the first principles, and yet they are too often left out in seeking to bring men to the knowledge of the truth. There need be little wonder that there are flimsy professions when there is so much flimsy preaching. Deep and thorough breaking up is essential to a good crop. More than anything else, many of the churches need a thorough subduing with the ploughshare of truth, going down and turning out all the roots of self confidence.

It is always proper to keep in mind that a true revival comes down from God and is never "worked up." This being true, we arrange at the bar of reason and revelation much of the protracted meeting machinery which has found its way into our churches. We speak now of the "altar exercises" which have become to many an unwritten ritual, to hold and govern in all our special efforts. The preacher commences with a weak sermon and a strong proposition, then other propositions to reach every person, and he lays it on every one to yield to him, do something, or positively refuse to do what seems, as he perceives, reasonable. A system of manipulations is worked, and—well, we do not believe in it. There is nothing of it in the Scriptures. No man is authorized to carry things that way. It lacks truth, and it is the truth that makes us free. We deeply suspect that the whole conception has an Amman base. Further, we believe that it issues from the prolific womb of infidelity. What is it but a kind of confession that the word and Spirit are not enough? And more still, it diverts the minds of the people from the true source of help. "My soul," said one of old, "wait thou only upon God." "Do these manipulations help the anxious?" No, they put the poor soul to sleeping when believing is the only hope. "But has not God greatly blessed these means?" We think not, God, who is a sovereign, has greatly blessed his truth in the midst of much human error, but that he has blessed human devices for saving souls, we cannot think. "Do you object to persons designating themselves for prayer and instruction?" No; not at all, it is that we oppose. "Have not those who have most used these exercises been most successful?" No, they have reported many conversions, but they have been to convert next year again. People who "get religion" are apt to lose it—said they get.

We have written plainly, views not knowing how they will be regarded. In a talk with Bro. Lowrey before his death, he expressed similar views. If we are not mistaken there is a call for change. Let the brethren think about it. No one need think that we are opposed to special efforts or to evangelists. We are not. Our plea is for more scriptural teaching and for the simplicity of the gospel. We long for a revival of God's work, deep and wide. A revival that will make much of grace and little of men; a revival that will bring men into God's way, and that will magnify the word of God above all the imaginations of human hearts.

MINISTERS OF NORTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION.

I have in my possession a lot of the above minutes. It costs cents to mail them. Any wishing a copy and sending requisite stamps, will receive copy. I cannot mail them at expense. J. B. GAMBRELL.

SECTIONAL BIAS.

We notice that some of our Southern exchanges are already making the honors paid to the memory of General Grant, and the fact that a few of those against whom he fought are saying kind things of him as well as participating in the funeral solemnities, an argument for a reciprocity on the part of the North, whenever it shall please God to remove Mr. Jefferson Davis from among the living. It seems to be assumed that there is no difference in moral quality between the acts of the two men, no difference between one who leads people into a bloody war, and one who leads them out of it. We readily admit that Mr. Davis is possessed of some excellences of character, and that he is a man of high intellectual ability; but we cannot see what Mr. Davis has ever done for the American people that he should be recognized as a worthy of special honor when dead. To assume beforehand, and to announce beforehand, that it will be cause of bitterness if Mr. Davis is not put beside General Grant, is as it seems to us, bordering upon the impudent. Is it possible that the generation now living is expected to forget that Mr. Jefferson Davis was the leader in the most senseless and godless rebellion that the world has ever known? That it is due to him more than to any other man, that a million of men laid down their lives; that the cries of widows and orphans went up to heaven; that fathers and mothers gave up sons, brothers and sisters gave up brothers and sisters for four long years our beloved country was torn to hostile factions? Can it be forgotten that more than 600,000 men were killed, and more than 2,000,000 men disabled? Can it be forgotten that the South, and the North, and the West, and the East, and the whole country were divided into two camps, and that the blood of the innocent was shed? Can it be forgotten that the South, and the North, and the West, and the East, and the whole country were divided into two camps, and that the blood of the innocent was shed?

OUR BLESSED LADY'S GREATEST FEAST.

Today, the 15th of August, is the feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. In the celebration of this great feast, our Blessed Lady we commemorate the consummation of all her mysteries, the crowning act of her wonderful life. By the assumption of the Blessed Virgin into heaven we mean that after her death, which occurred some years after the seven years of her divine son, her undivided body was taken up into heaven, and not suffered to be corrupted as do the bodies of the rest of mankind. The privilege thus accorded to the mortal body of our Lady Virgin was on account of her dignity as Mother of God, and her own pre-eminence sanctity. Our divine Redeemer, having taken his adorable flesh and blood from the body of his mother, Mary, could say of that body, as did Adam of Eve, "This is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh." Is it not most evident, therefore, that the most exalted and blessed of all created beings, that the body of our Blessed Lady was taken up into heaven—Catholic Examiner.

Every man has his weakness. Sectionalism is the peculiar weakness of Dr. Lasher, the able editor of the J. & M. On other questions he is frequently right, but never when the sectional question engages his attention. He ought never to have anything to say on that subject, but his weakness is constantly drawing him into it. He and Dr. Wayland, of the National Baptist, are alike afflicted. They need the sympathy of all fair minded men.

Well did Gen. Grant say, that if the soldiers had been left to settle the trouble, we should have had peace in twelve months after Lee surrendered. Unfortunately there was a large class of men, some North, some South, who did not get their share of the fighting, and now they can't find out that the war is over. Dr. Lasher seems to be one of this unfortunate class.

It is known to all informed persons, that two great questions figured in the war, viz: The right to hold property in slaves, and the right of states to withdraw from the American Union. As to the first of these questions, there can be no doubt as to the constitutionality of it. And whatever wrong there was in slavery, any fair minded man would say that it must be divided between the sections. Northern men kidnapped the slaves, and brought them here, and Southern men bought them. The sin of it, whatever it may be, lies primarily against the North.

Touching the second question every one acquainted with American history knows, that from the foundation of the government, there were two views held as to the relation of the States to the general government. One party held to State's sovereignty, the other to Federal sovereignty. Hamilton held the strong theory of the general government, and Jefferson the other. Jefferson's views prevailed, and were regnant in the main, for seventy-five years.

Mr. Davis and other statesmen, North and South, honestly held these views. Believing that the voice of his State was supreme, he held to the position of State's sovereignty. It was under his State. It was a question of honest difference of opinion. In the judgment of the Southern people, the circumstances justified a withdrawal from a federation in which we could no longer remain in peace and safety. Mr. Davis was just one of us. It was none of his fault that he was elected President. It is none of his fault that some men, like Dr. Lasher, insist that he should become a vicarious sufferer for all the people. The Southern people protest against the unjust demand, and if we were willing to yield to such a proposition, then would we be worthy of the contempt of all honorable men.

That Mr. Davis shows no signs of repentance as to prove that he is not a hypocrite. He has maintained a very becoming attitude since the surrender. His utterances have been marked by a lofty sense of right, and he has given expression to no bitterness. If Dr. Lasher wishes, at this late day, to set out the mourners' benches, he may do so, and he may also be chief exhorter. But the great American people will regard the war as the result of honest difference of opinion, and all a few will honor the men who uncompromisingly risked their all to maintain what they believed was right. The achievements of both sides will be regarded as embellishing American history. Every man who bore himself manfully will finally be his country's pride. On this broad, true principle Federal and Confederate united in paying respect to General Grant's remains. In this view, he wrote his dying words to his countrymen. When it shall please God to remove Mr. Jefferson Davis, the North will not according to its magnanimity, and we hope no word of complaint will come from the South. Meanwhile will rejoice that the time is past when extreme and bitter men, North or South, can sensibly effect the nation's good fellowship.

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Yes, take if for what it is worth, and of that the church must be the judge.

FORWARD MOVE.

We have said very little about the Record for some months past, having been busy with our mission work. Just now we are perfecting plans to have the paper represented in every Association in Mississippi and Louisiana this fall. Crops are fine and the people are hopeful. We ought to take hold anew of all our religious enterprises. There are between forty and fifty Associations in the two States. There is not one of them that might not give the Record fifty new subscribers. We expect a forward move. The Record has held up during the fearfully hard times; the time is at hand for an advance. The Louisiana field will be looked after from headquarters at Shreveport. Commander-in-chief Penick means business and all the brethren are in accord. Every Association and church is to be reached. Secretary Tomkies and his helpers will see that all denominational interests are properly presented in Louisiana. Mississippi will be reached this fall as it has never been before. We take up the Louisiana motto and press the work in every quarter. In all the work the Record is to be what it has been, a powerful factor for good. Therefore we appeal to the brethren to make good use of the Associations to largely increase the subscription list.

LOUISIANA NOTES.

Rev. G. W. Hartfield is to hold a series of meetings with his church at Lake Charles, La., beginning on the 1st of September.

Brother G. M. Harrell is holding meetings with the Antioch church. Brother McFarland reports an excellent meeting held at New Hope church by the pastor. Seven baptisms. Brother A. J. Harrell writes, that he thinks the reason the members of our churches have not more of the mission spirit is that they do not take the Record, or any other religious paper and adds "I have noticed where religious journals are mostly received there is the greatest mission spirit." Isn't he right? If so, then, whoever gets a subscriber to the Record is doing missionary work.

Brother Scofield, our missionary pastor at Pineville and Opelousa reports a very encouraging state of things in his field. He has baptized several since the Convention. He raised \$184.00 at the Convention to pay off the debts on these church buildings, and is out now trying to raise \$300.00, which will clear both of debt, and finish the Pineville house. It will take about \$1000.00 to finish the house at Opelousa, \$500.00 of which he thinks he can raise on the field. They began to build the house at Opelousa in January 1884. It has cost so far \$1700.00, of which \$900.00 were raised on the field and \$800.00 were collected elsewhere. They are worshipping in it. The seats are temporary, and there is no ceiling on the walls. The Pineville house was begun in September 1884. It has cost so far \$1500.00 and is nearly completed. Here they have a membership of forty-four, a Sunday-school numbering thirty-five, and the prospect is very bright. This is splendid work, especially when we consider the fields and the time in which it has been done.

Brother Scofield has been reappointed by the Board. We ought to have at least ten more men like him in the field. The fields are ready, and we believe God will give us the men if the churches will send up the money to the Board.

SOME QUESTIONS.

We repeat, we only answer questions when we think good can be accomplished and when we have time. The following questions are condensed from communications. "Is it right for Christians to encourage Base Ball when there is betting on the game?" No, certainly not, if they know of the betting. "Should a Baptist church rent property for a Catholic school?" We think not, indeed, we are sure that to do so would be to encourage heresy. It might be very proper under some circumstances, to rent property to a Catholic for a private school.

For Lieutenant-Governor—G. D. Shands, of La. For Secretary of State—George M. Govan, of Pike. For State Treasurer—W. L. Hemmingsway, of Carroll. For Auditor of Public Accounts—W. W. Stone, of Washington. For Attorney-General—T. Marshall Miller, of Warren. For Superintendent of Public Education—J. R. Preston, of Yalobusha.

A REQUEST.

We wish at once a copy of last year's minutes of every Association in Louisiana. Friends will confer a favor by sending to this office.

Foreign Letter.

Tanger, Morocco.

How are you, Brother Gambrell, in your part of the vineyard? God is blessing you. We are all well. We are daily around the sick and the dying, and we are daily around the word and seem near the kingdom. I send enclosed letter from Spurgeon for your paper. The Arabic is Numbers 21:4 and John 3: 13-20, printed here in our bibles.

Love to the Whitfields. My love and greetings in Christ to your readers. God bless and strengthen you dear brother. Be faithful! The time is short! Inquiry in the church abounds! Let's you and I be found true to God; fearlessly rebuking sin; warning and pleading with men to come to God. The church is full of deceived people, whom may God pity. No matter what one's profession is, if he is living the same life as the worldling around him, he is in the "harad way" which leads to death. Thank Brother B. H. Whitfield for his gift to my work.

E. F. BALDWIN.

LETTER FROM BROTHER BALDWIN.

We make the above private letter the first of a series of letters about the "Other Mission." From the first \$10,000,000 of them which Christ, and seemingly prepared in an unusual degree for the gospel. "Now beside all waters" is the exhortation of the prophet. The Christian's heart goes out to have a part in God's work every where. If any reader should be moved to give specially to this mission, he can send to Mr. Eugene Levering, Baltimore, Md. Spurgeon's letter will appear next week.

Communications.

Will Brother W. L. H. in Remembrance of August 6th please come out of his hiding place, that I may see him? If he wishes to remain hid from all others, a card over his own signature in full, directed to Winona by September 2d will very much oblige.

R. E. MELVIN.

Home Missions.

Our meeting at Beach Grove, Chatham county, closed last Friday.

VISITING RESULTS.

Church revived and hopeful, number of accessions, 12; by restoration, 4; by experience, 8. The congregations were large and attentive. The spirit of the Lord was with us, to whom he all praise. I was assisted by Brother I. W. East, who rendered valuable aid. The meeting is in progress at this place. I have no ministerial help. I ask the prayers of Christians, who read this, for divine assistance.

S. G. COOPER.

Waco, Miss.

Our meeting at Waco, Miss., began Saturday evening, beginning Saturday evening, for the first Sabbath in this month and continuing twelve days. Bro. Sibbey did most of the preaching, and did it well. Fifteen were baptized, and three at night over for baptism. Among the number baptized was an aged couple—husband and wife—he seventy-nine and she over seventy.

We have just closed our meeting at Little Bahala church. Yesterday being the last day, Rev. Anding was with us, and we had a feast of good things, and it might have been said, "So how those love each other." It was, indeed, a precious meeting to us all. We closed by baptizing thirteen, and as we gave the hand of fellowship to those baptized, we felt that surely the Lord is in this place.

R. H. PURSER.

THE DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.

Which met in Jackson last week, was an unusually fine body of men, large and very respectable every way. Ex-Lieutenant Governor Simms, of Columbus, president of the prohibition club in that city, was the presiding officer. The following ticket was nominated: For Governor—Robert Lowry, of Rankin.

Athena, La.

I thought some of the brethren would send you an account of our meeting at Athena. As I see none, would it be out of place for one of the sisters to say a few words about it? The church at Athena met at her usual time, Saturday before the 1st Sabbath in July, we had expected

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